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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of |) | |
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| DEAN <i>et al.</i> |) | Art Unit: 1637 |
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| Application No. 09/977,868 |) | Examiner: Kenneth R. Horlick |
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| Filing Date: October 15, 2001 |) | Confirmation No. 3745 |
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| For: NUCLEIC ACID AMPLIFICATION |) | |

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

NEEDLE & ROSENBERG, P.C.
Customer Number 23859

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that an extension of time for the period indicated below be granted in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136 to take action required in the application identified in the caption, as reflected by the papers submitted herewith:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | One Month | \$120.00 | (\$ 60.00)* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Two Months | \$450.00 | (\$225.00)* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Three Months | \$1,020.00 | (\$510.00)* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Four Months | \$1,590.00 | (\$795.00)* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Five Months | \$2,160.00 | (\$1,080.00)* |

* Small Entity

A Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038 authorizing payment in the amount of \$125.00, representing \$60.00 for the fee for a small entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1) and \$65.00 for the


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fee for a small entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d), an Amendment and Response to Office Action and a Terminal Disclaimer are enclosed. This amount is believed to be correct; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0629.

Respectfully submitted,

NEEDLE & ROSENBERG, P.C.

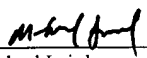


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Michael Laird

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Date